



The Energy Council aims to enable a unified strategy and vision for a South African energy transition pathway that will support clean industrialisation and global competitiveness, address our economic and social deficits and importantly contribute to a sustainable environment. This is an exciting time full of opportunity with the potential for South Africa to become a global role model as an emerging market leader through the energy transition. I have every confidence that together, we can make it happen.



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

We are one third of our way through 2024 and what a busy and exciting year it has been. Although we need to keep accelerating development to achieve a sustainable and thriving energy sector, we should still reflect on the amazing overall progress that has been made.

Load Shedding is substantially better than a year ago. Market reforms are gaining momentum and the ERA amendment bill is still on track for approval before elections. Private sector investment in renewables continues to rapidly grow and the business – government partnership under Business for SA continues to drive accountability and transparency.



There has been significant engagement recently with members as we prepare to move our Energy Transition Roadmap project from analysis and design; into implementation. After nearly 6 months of hard work, we have crafted 3 critical focus areas that will form the Council workplan and focus for the power sector over the next 2 years.

These focus areas are outlined below and are key to delivering an optimal SA energy transition:

1. Creating a factual and clear understanding of the challenges and opportunities associated with the Energy Transition through a strategic communications effort. We have developed 6 energy toolkits to help simplify the narrative, showcase the data and reframe the debate.
2. Launching an open access, energy data and modelling platform that we hope will form the basis of improving the awareness of impacts, benefits and trade-offs as we collectively progress national planning efforts. While all models are theoretical, they add significant insights and clarity to decision makers.
3. Through the strategy work and modelling, we have defined 11 critical success factors as delivery initiatives that will support an optimal future energy system outcome. These initiatives will be driven through our Standing Committees, NECOM structures and broader stakeholders.

We will be launching our communications programme and energy modelling platform in the coming weeks and with a special event at Enlit Africa during the last week of May where I hope to see many Energy Council members in attendance.



ENERGY COUNCIL MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



Globeleq says R5.7bn Red Sands will be largest standalone battery storage project in Africa

Leading African independent power producer Globeleq says the 153 MW/612 MWh Red Sands project, which was recently awarded preferred bidder status under South Africa's inaugural battery storage public procurement round, will be the largest standalone battery energy storage system (BESS) in Africa and will carry an investment value of R5.7-billion.



SEE | Massive solar venture in Northern Cape: 1 million panels and bigger than 1 500 soccer fields

One of the world's largest hybrid solar PV and battery storage projects was unveiled in Kenhardt, Northern Cape. (Scatec)



RMB facilitates project financing for Seriti Green's first wind farm in Mpumalanga

Mining and energy company Seriti Resources' subsidiary Seriti Green has signed a long-term project financing agreement with Rand Merchant Bank (RMB) and Standard Bank as co-mandated lead arrangers to enable the delivery of a 155 MW wind farm, in Mpumalanga.

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21 - 23 May 2024: Enlit Africa, CTICC

9 May 2024: PSG Annual Conference

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Strategic Initiatives Project Manager for NECOM Delivery

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